







Indiana Conservation Partnership

Dear Indiana Conservationists,

You are invited to attend the 62nd Annual Conference of Indiana Soil and Water Conservation Districts, "*Making Conservation Relevant in Indiana...It Begins with You and Your District*", January 9 - 12, 2005, at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown.

For 62 years, Indiana conservationists have worked to conserve precious resources on our working lands. Without your conservation efforts, we would not have been successful in the development of public and private partnerships that optimizes financial and human resources.

Reviewing the preliminary program enclosed, you will note a few changes to the 2005 schedule. The Legislative Breakfast will be held on Wednesday morning prior to the start of the IASWCD Business Meeting and Officer Installation. Another change is the number of training sessions available to you on Monday and Tuesday. *You must pre-register for these training sessions. Note your selections on the reverse side of the registration form.*

Are you looking for more time to network with other districts within the state as well as your region? Then join us on Tuesday, January 11, from 12 - 1:15 p.m. for lunch. Purchase your meal ticket through pre-registration for this *Taste of Indianapolis* featuring three action stations plus dessert. It is a great way to meet and greet friends, network with colleagues and associates, and feast on the international tastes of Indianapolis.

Colleen Bryant, Auxiliary president, invites all spouses to attend the Auxiliary activities on Tuesday, January 11. Start the morning at 10 a.m. with Norma Butler, Bartholomew County Extension Service, as you participate in an exercise program. Casual attire is strongly recommended for this energizing program. A light lunch will be served afterwards, prior to the start of the business meeting. If you are a spouse of a supervisor or district employee, plan to attend the Auxiliary events at this year's Annual Conference.

The conference concludes Wednesday with the Legislative Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Again this year, we ask each district to be responsible for their own Legislative Breakfast photos. Sample news releases will be made available to each district for use with these photos. Please contact and invite your legislators as soon as possible to get this breakfast on their calendars. Following this event, the IASWCD Business Meeting and Officer Installation will begin at 9:30 a.m.

For additional conference program information, contact Dean Farr at 317/692-7519 or *dean-farr@iaswcd.org*. For questions regarding conference registration, contact John Wellman, Purdue University's Conference Division, at 765-494-0243, 800/359-2968, or jmw@purdue.edu.

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